IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Farquhar, et al. Docket No.: EN9-98-122US3

Serial No.: Group Art Unit:

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TITLE: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A THERMOSET-CONTAINING DIELECTRIC MATERIAL AND METHODS FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, insert: -- This application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/343,079, filed on June 29, 1999.--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22.

REMARKS

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to

contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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